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A WARSHIP OF A NEW TYPE

H. M. S. INDOMITABLE UNIQUE
AMONG THE WORLD'S NAVIES.

England's Swift Sea Fighter a Combination of Dreadnought and Lusitania—British Phlegm Replaced by Hysteria—Paderewski's Advice to Would-be Planter—Longevity Rules by Great Britain's Unmistakable Main-Concept in a Sail—Hind-Wind-Dressed—Fragrances—To Prevent Gray Hairs—Prince of Wales to Take Up Yachting.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—H. M. S. Indomitable is the ideal of the hour. The record which she has established for warships on her passage from Quebec to Cowes will probably stand for a long time. Certainly it did not need the embellishments with which some of the papers tried to adorn it.

Taking the figures which edited them, they wished to make the official record a 25.1 knot passage. The king, however, has ordered that the passage shall be reckoned from land to land, from South Point, Belle Isle, to Land's End, and with this the average works out at 24.8 knots.

At one time for four consecutive hours she steamed 24.4 knots. Her average from Belle Isle to Fastnet, off Cork, was 25.13 knots. The average for the whole voyage from Quebec to Cowes was 24.4 knots.

During the whole time she was in wireless communication with one side or the other, sending and receiving messages at a distance of 1,000 miles and establishing a record for ship borne messages.

The true significance of these figures can be appreciated only in conjunction with a consideration of the class of vessel to which the Indomitable belongs. At present she is still unique in the world's navies, but she has two sister vessels just being completed for sea, the Invincible and the Inflexible. These vessels do not come under the designation of either battleship or cruiser.

Except the Dreadnought there is no battleship in the world as heavily armed as the Indomitable and in no fast in the world as these two vessels. Larger than a torpedo boat destroyer which approaches her in speed. She may be called a combination of the Dreadnought and the Lusitania and is more heavily armed than battleships of the Royal Sovereign class, which ten years ago were considered models of completeness in protection.

She has a belt of Krupp cemented armor, seven inches thick amidships, and carries eight 12 inch guns in four turrets, each of type, so mounted that they can all be brought to bear on either broadside. Each gun weighs 58 tons and fires an 800 pound projectile with an initial velocity of 8,010 feet a second. At 5,000 yards the shell can make a hole through 22 inches of wrought iron and at a range of nearly three miles can penetrate 17½ inches of iron.

These guns are carried in four turrets, protected with 16 inches of armor; are controlled electrically, working with the greatest swiftness, ease and accuracy.

By the end of the summer Great Britain will have three of these mighty vessels actually in the service, and in a couple of years the squadron of four will be complete, representing an expenditure of \$29,000,000. Yet this enormous cost of more than \$7,000,000 for each vessel is regarded as an economical expenditure of the Indomitable class will mount as many big guns as eight battleships of the older design, costing some \$5,000,000 each. They will need only about half the number of officers and men, while the cost of repairs, general upkeep and stores will also, it is estimated, only amount to about half.

The Indomitable was laid down by the Fairfield company at Govan in March, 1906, and launched and advanced in March, 1907. In April, 1908, she was handed over for her trials. Full particulars of these have not been revealed. The contract speed was 25 knots, but it is believed that she actually attained 27 knots for a considerable period. Her voyage from Quebec shows that she can easily maintain more than the contract 25 knots.

Her displacement as given in the Navy List is 17,251 tons, but it is probable with the sinkage to deep load displacement due to maximum coal and store supply—she took on 3,000 tons of coal at Quebec, and carries oil fuel as well—that she has something like 21,000 tons. Her length at the water line is 550 feet, 30 feet longer than any preceding cruiser; her beam is 78 feet 6 inches, draught about 25 feet.

Her eight 50 calibre 12 inch guns are mounted in pairs in barbettes turrets. One turret is forward, another abaft, and the other two amidships, placed in echelon. With this arrangement they can all be fired on either broadside, or broad on the bow or quarter, and six of them directly ahead or astern. Other guns are said to be about sixteen 4 inch guns of the new model for anti-torpedo boat work.

The machinery consists of Babcock & Wilcox water tube boilers designed for 41,000 horse-power, with Parsons turbines. The advantage of such vessels are too obvious to need detailing. The critics of the Indomitable allege the great cost of the class as a disadvantage, depriving the Admiralty of the power of constructing an adequate number of vessels for commerce protection. The new classes for smaller cruisers are supposed to give an answer to this objection, while the conditions of commerce defence are not held to exclude the Indomitable class from exercising a decisive influence in association with smaller cruisers.

The Englishman loves to be criticised. The harsher the criticism the better he likes it. Of course, he must himself be the critic.

For any outsider to join him in his congenial task would be sheer impertinence. One thing only might mitigate the offence; it may be ascribable to ignorance. If not so ascribable it is unpardonable. In any case it is ridiculous.

But a foreigner to describe the English people as "hysterical" and "emotional," to such an extent as to imply "a very evident sign of degeneracy," might be put down either to foolish ignorance or to venomous jealousy. The Englishman is very proud of his phlegm. It is one of his dearest traditions, and one which the rest of the world believed in for generations.

perturbable, "whom, unmoved, the ruins of the universe would strike."

The reason for the present self-castigation was the scene at the Old Bailey the other day when R. S. Slevier, editor of the *Winning Post*, was acquitted on a charge of blackmailing J. B. Toel, a South African millionaire. It is not to the purpose to detail the record of either of these worthies. But when the verdict was announced the court, over which the Lord Chief Justice of England was presiding, presented a scene of wild excitement that beggars description.

"Such an outburst," writes G. R. Sims, "as occurred inside the court would never have happened years ago. It was scandalous. The crowd in court was a picked crowd, every person was admitted by ticket, and it is terrible to think that such people should behave as they did in an English court of justice—waving hands and hankiechiefs with the Lord Chief Justice of England still upon the bench."

Outside the pandemonium was worse, because the crowd was bigger. More than five thousand people yelled themselves hoarse in acclaiming as a hero a man who cannot be a member of a decent London club.

It was not many months ago that the Old Bailey, inside and outside, witnessed a similar scene. The hero then was a young man who for lack of evidence was acquitted of a peculiarly unsavory murder, the victim of which was one of the lowest members of the lowest class of women even in a city like London. She was admittedly a friend of the accused man, who again admitted to seducing a woman.

With reference to the Slevier scene, a Frenchman who was present in court has ventured to say:

"I could hardly realize that the extraordinary outburst of frantic enthusiasm was British. We are accustomed in France to consider the English as the most unemotional and self-restrained people in the world. I honestly do not believe that even in France or in any Latin country anything worse could have taken place."

"Mystic Millinery" is the product of a London concern which proposes to cut out customers to suit their horoscopes instead of merely following Paris fashions. Two examples shown of mystic millinery are the Saturn Venus hat, a pretty mass of white lace and muslin trimmed with wheat ears and cornflowers, with blue tulle around the crown, and the Venus Mercury hat, carried out in pearl gray muslin trimmed with pink and blue Chinese saters with silver green foliage.

The astrological experts allow the wearer of the latter to choose gray, pale blue or pale pink strings—the stars, apparently, are not so particular about the shade of the strings.

The Countess of Wexborough, having expressed a desire to present her countryman Dorando, the Italian runner, with a gold watch and chain, naturally receives one of these little biographical paragraphs which fall to the lot of members of the nobility who happen to come into momentary prominence. Incidentally the paragraph illustrates in a peculiarly happy fashion the cosmopolitan character of some of England's ancient and noble families.

The daughter of a Neapolitan noble, she was the widow of an English Captain when she married the Earl of Wexborough two years ago. The Earl, who thus married a Roman Catholic, is himself a Buddhist. His mother was the daughter of a Jew who became a Roman Catholic.

Paderewski has confided to the world the secret of how to become a good pianist. He gives the six following directions:

1. You must have the gift.
2. You must choose a good master and obey him blindly.
3. You must practise exercises four hours daily and give one hour to digital agility.
4. You must remember that digital agility alone does not suffice; you must also possess rhythm, precision and practice the pedals.
5. You must exercise the five fingers equally. Study especially the passing of the thumb under the hand and the passing of the hand over the thumb.
6. You must strike the notes with assurance and deeply, and make use of the pedal in the central octaves to give color.

Follow these precepts diligently, says the celebrated Pole, and in ten years you will be a passable pianist.

A story of the great French sculptor Rodin and a woman client is going the rounds in Paris.

A wealthy American woman who wished to transmit her form to posterity called on the artist and commissioned him to execute a life size statue of herself. The lady possessed a well turned figure and for hours, draped in Greek robes, she posed before the sculptor.

After a dozen visits Rodin told her that further sittings were unnecessary and that he would finish the statue at his leisure. But when the fair American returned some time later to take possession of her portrait she was astonished to observe that the head of the statue bore no resemblance to her own. She was naturally very indignant and complained bitterly of the lack of resemblance.

"Yes, you are quite right," replied the veteran sculptor, in a dreamy, far away voice. "The fact is that your head was entirely lacking in inspiration, and at first I thought of leaving the statue without a head. But after reflection and in order that you might suffer no prejudice I preferred to replace your head by that of Mme. de N., which she once ordered from me and has never paid for. Besides, you will lose nothing by the change."

Prof. Edmund J. James of the University of Illinois is in Berlin in the course of a tour of Europe for the inspection of veterinary colleges, made with a view of gleaned ideas for the veterinary colleges which the University of Illinois hopes to set up in the heart of the Chicago stock yard district, and for which Prof. James expects an annual State appropriation of at least \$100,000 will be made.

America, Prof. James points out, has not a little to catch up in the matter of veterinary science, in which Germany, he thinks, takes the leading rank. What gave stimulus to veterinary science in Germany, the Professor adds, was the passing of the compulsory meat inspection act, which required that every meat inspector should be a graduate of a veterinary college. This not only produced an enormous increase in the attendance at the schools, but called for a simultaneous improvement in the laboratory equipment and teaching staffs. The veterinary colleges at Hanover alone spend a larger sum annually than

the veterinary colleges throughout Great Britain.

The particular joke of the week at American expense is a yarn from Vienna setting forth in solemn detail the plans of King Peter of Serbia to replenish his royal exchequer from the purses of a couple of American millionaires by marrying his sons to their daughters. It is assumed quite as a matter of course that any American millionaire with a marriageable daughter will jump at the chance to bestow a princely dowry in exchange for a princely coronet in the family, and there remains the chance—in this case remote—that the coronet may be exchanged for a crown.

The Vienna joke soberly sets forth that the Crown is taking a keen interest in the plan and has provided King Peter with a high Russian officer who will go to America and search out likely heiresses. This officer, Tscherep Spiridonov, has just been especially promoted and decorated to make a greater impression on American society.

It is further stated that Mr. Knowles, the American Minister at the Serbian court, has been instructed to make a report upon the characters of the young princesses as a matter of fact were the Crown Prince an ordinary person this character might be deemed to render him highly undesirable as a son-in-law.

How the Swiss Government was outwitted recently in a business deal by an ingenious German firm is told with many sarcastic comments by the newspapers of the republic this week.

Not long ago the Swiss Government wished to dispose of 125,000 obsolete rifles and 250,000 more of a later pattern for which it had no use. Several South American Governments were approached and negotiations were in a fair way when a Berlin firm stepped in and offered to purchase the entire stock at a good price, agreeing to forfeit \$6,000 if the bargain were not duly completed.

The money was immediately deposited and the Swiss negotiations with the prospective buyers were accordingly broken off. Shortly afterward the Berlin firm wrote saying that as it had been unable to place the rifles it must sacrifice the \$6,000 deposited, and so the transaction ended.

But the Swiss Government, on seeking to renew the South American negotiations, discovered that the German dealers had meanwhile supplied the Governments in question with all the rifles they were likely to require for a long time to come. By forfeiting the guarantee deposited they had got rid of a dangerous competitor, noted a bigger profit and sold an immense stock of practically unmarketable firearms.

The youngest old man in Great Britain, the Earl of Wemyss, celebrated his ninetieth birthday on Tuesday by working, if possible, a little harder than usual.

"Young Wemyss," as his friends call him, is a striking example of youthful age—a tall, alert man, vigorous of step and firm in voice, with only a fringe of silver hair under his clean shaven boyish chin to suggest that he is now in his ninety-first year. To a newspaper representative Lord Wemyss said:

"I usually advise my friends to the younger generation is included in these three rules I have tried to follow:

- "Be moderate in all things.
- "Sleep at least eight hours a night.
- "Eat well and take plenty of exercise.

"If you wish to live to be old you must also be extremely careful in the selection of your parents," he continued.

For sixty-seven years Lord Wemyss has sat in Parliament continuously, except for an interval of six months, when he resigned his seat because he did not wish to oppose the Corn Law reform. He walks

a great deal and sleeps eight hours regularly.

The apache of Paris has his prototype in the London hooligan, but the latter substitutes for the loaded firearms of the Frenchman a heavily weighted stick and a belt with a metal clasp. The assault on Sir W. S. Gilbert as he was coming from the opera the other night has called attention to this particular type of scoundrel. Fortunately Sir William was able to frighten his assailants, but there are many who are less fortunate.

So frequent have street attacks become that specially trained detectives from Scotland Yard have been assigned to give the number of hooligans in London, but it is estimated that there are several thousands and they are increasing daily. Detachments of this formidable army infest every district.

The typical London hooligan is a short, slim youth with the alert daring look of a ferret. About his throat is invariably wound a muffer of varied hues, and a cap is well pulled down over his eyes. Generally they work in gangs.

The Silver Hatchet Gang is the title of the group which hails from Hoxton. At Islington they call themselves the Knuckledusters, at Lambeth the Girdle Gang. Then there are the Bethnal Green Boys, the Boys of Bow, the Deptford Terror, the Hackney Bruisers, the Bermondsey Tips and the Old Ford Boys.

Senator Gervais wrote an article a few weeks ago in a French newspaper protesting against the increasing use of ridicule and his words had no effect. No programme at a music hall or café concert seemed to be considered complete without an actor and often an actress made up to represent the head of the republic appearing in some undignified and ridiculous scene. But last week the new revue at the Café des Ambassadeurs went beyond all limits and its excesses were bringing about what Senator Gervais's article failed to accomplish.

The new revue received a favorable hearing at the dress rehearsal until the end of the second act, when actors made up as Mr. and Mrs. Fallières, their daughter and her fiancé, Mr. Lanes, were introduced in a song not merely vulgar but coarsely indecent. The song ended in a cancan dance for the four singers to a tune that was a close parody of the "Marseillaise."

This was too much for the audience. They booed, hissed and catcalled until the curtain had to be lowered. Then they demanded the true "Marseillaise" from the orchestra, and all rose and stood bareheaded—the Ambassadeurs is an open air café—while it was being played.

Capt. Antonoff and Nemitchenko of the Russian army balloon service are in Paris to study French aerostatics. They say that the Russian Government has decided to offer 50,000 rubles (\$80,000) in prizes in a flying competition to be held in St. Petersburg from July 1 to August 15 next year.

The programme will offer prizes for flying machines and for models weighing at least forty pounds. Sixty models of 2,000 rubles each will be offered in tests for distance or time of flight, for speed, the prize to be given to the slowest machine, as it is considered that that will be most useful for army service; for height, which must exceed a hundred yards; for starting in a high wind, for steady and slow descent and for ability to carry weight. The winner of the greatest number of these tests will receive an extra prize of 18,000 rubles.

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